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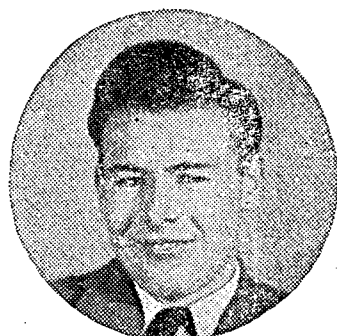
On trek with a party of schoolboy explorers

Among the members of the British Schools' Exploring Society who recently spent six weeks in Iceland, was Michael Elliott, of Hornchurch, Essex. While waiting to be called up for National Service in the Royal Air Force, Michael was interviewed by a CN Correspondent and describes some of his experiences.

"WHY do you want to go to Iceland?" asked Commander Weymouth, secretary of the British Schools' Exploring Society.

"To find out if it is really as cold as it sounds, sir."

That answer, aided by a good physique, a keen interest in physics and maths, and his headmaster's recommendation, earned Michael a place in the Society's expedition to Iceland. Four hundred boys had applied, but there were places for only fifty, and Michael was one of the six chosen from the Royal Liberty Grammar School at Rom-



Michael Elliott

ford—a record number from any one school. Ten adult leaders completed the party.

The aims of the expedition are officially described as "to teach British schoolboys between the ages of 17 to 19 to fend for themselves under difficult conditions, to help them develop self-reliance and initiative, to foster their spirit of adventure, and to further their scientific education through periods of intensive fieldwork in comparatively unknown regions."

Michael's first impression of Iceland as the ship approached the capital, Reykjavik, was the clean freshness of the place. There was then no sign of ice. The sea was a clear, bright blue, and the sun was shining on the bright green and yellows of corrugated iron roofs.

American troop buses left over from the last war took the young explorers to their main base on the banks of the River Far, a river of melting glacial water running from the Langjokull ice-cap into Lake Hagavatn.

They spent a week at the camp,

setting up meteorological and radio stations to broadcast weather reports and keep them in touch with civilisation, and filling in spare time by charting the contours of the bottom of the lake. It was cold, wet work, paddling over the lake in a rubber dinghy and plumbing the depths.

COLD WORK

Sun sparkling on the blue surface might look like a Mediterranean picture, but steering among small icebergs and the constant dripping of the glacial water over clothes and dinghy as the plumb line was regularly raised, left Michael in no doubt that he was in Iceland.

Then, split into groups of "fires" (parties each of convenient size for the preparation of meals), the expedition began the serious work of exploring little-known areas of central Iceland. These working parties were "fires" in name only, however, because with no wood available—Iceland has no trees—cooking had to be done on primus stoves. It was not until the last night in Iceland that the packing cases of supplies and equipment were burnt for a farewell campfire sing-song.

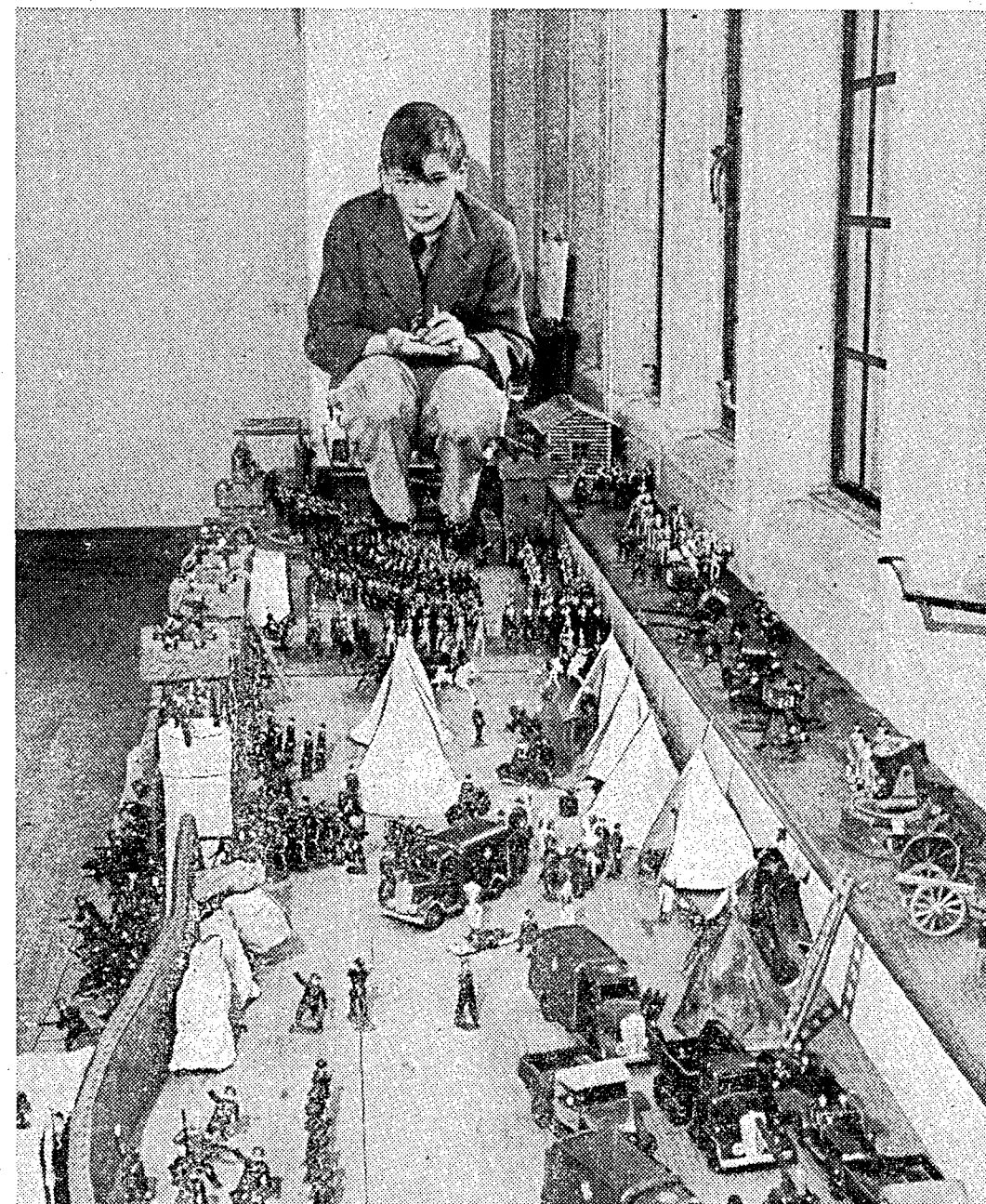
MOON-LIKE SETTING

Michael Elliott was allotted to a survey party of eight that spent four and a half weeks surveying the Langjokull ice-cap. They covered areas of about twelve square miles at a time, marked out by twenty beacon poles, each a mile apart.

It was strange, barren scenery, rather like a stage setting for a scene on the Moon. Flat deserts of mud and lava were broken unexpectedly by precipitous rocks jutting up four thousand feet. Patches of greenish-white snow and ice spread round the summit of the ice-cap and made the going underfoot hard and uneven.

But mountain ice and snow formed only a small part of the landscape. The main features were the stark desolation of cinder and lava from extinct volcanoes, and an absence of vegetation and wild life.

As a member of the survey party Michael Elliott missed the endur-



ance test of the 16-day march to the 5750-foot summit of Hofsjokull ice-cap where, it is believed, no one had previously set foot. Some boys on the march may have looked upon Michael as one of the lucky ones, but he was not so sure.

The few books the survey party had with them were soon read and re-read, and then there was nothing but the daily routine of surveying in the same desolate surroundings. There were no newspapers, no radio programmes, no letters, no communication whatever with the outside world. Cut off completely from civilisation, from one week's end to the next they encountered no other living creatures, save an occasional crow or goose, and saw no sign of dwellings other than their own three small tents.

The sense of isolation had its advantages, however.

"I learned a lot of things about myself," says Michael. "With no radios clogging up the air, and no

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The Prince reviews his troops

Prince Richard, younger son of the Duke of Gloucester, is the twelve-year-old commander of a fine private army of toy soldiers, all complete with tents and motor transport.

£2700 FOR £3

In London the other day £2700 was paid for £3, or rather, for a gold coin called a triple unite, which was worth £3 when issued by Charles I at Oxford in 1643, during the Civil War.

First given to the gold sovereigns minted in the reign of James I, the name unite referred to the union of England and Scotland under his rule, the coins being intended for circulation in both countries.

EGG OVERBOARD

Skippers of North Sea trawlers often find strange things when they haul in their nets.

Just recently the skipper of the Lowestoft trawler Grenada found a hen's egg which was still unbroken when hauled on deck.

TREASURE LOST IN THE WASH

Search is being made in the flat fields of West Norfolk for the treasure lost by King John when crossing the Wash just before his death in 1216.

At Walpole St. Peter, near King's Lynn, an electrical detector is being used to plot the underground contours in the hope of finding the ancient causeway which John used. The place where he crossed was reclaimed from the sea many years ago and is now farm land.

Several attempts have been made to find the treasure, and hopes ran high some years ago, but all that came to light was a pile of old ploughshares.

WHEN THE U.S. ELECTS A NEW PRESIDENT

The long winding road to the White House

EVERY Leap Year, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the people of the United States elect their President for the following four years. Accordingly, next Tuesday (November 6) more than 78 million registered voters in the United States will have an opportunity to go to the polls and decide whether Mr. Dwight Eisenhower is to remain at the White House for a second four-year term; or whether he will be displaced as President by Mr. Adlai Stevenson.

President Eisenhower is a Republican. Mr. Stevenson, his Democrat rival, unsuccessfully fought "Ike" four years ago.

Election fever is now running high in the United States, where it gets a much bigger "build-up" than in this country. In Britain the campaign lasts from three (the minimum legal period) to six

and all 435 members of the lower chamber, the House of Representatives, are elected along with the President and the Vice-President. The President does not appoint his Cabinet or Government from either Chamber of Congress. He gets his men from outside politics—from big business, industry, commerce, the Civil Service, universities. If he wants to include in his Cabinet a member of either upper or lower chamber, that member must first resign.

NO QUESTION HOUR

Again, because American Ministers do not sit in Congress (Parliament) there is no Question Hour, there are no debates to which Ministers reply, there are no Ministerial statements. Ministers mainly appear on Capitol Hill before the examining committee of Congress.

Another important distinction is that the Civil Service in Britain is unaffected by the result of a general election. In the United States, however, not only are 29 of the 48 State Governors being elected next Tuesday, but balloting for many other State and local officials will take place on the same day.

The American Presidential election actually begins in March and ends officially in December. Briefly, there are four stages:

MARCH. From then right through the summer the 48 States by various methods choose their delegates to the national party conventions. Most States use the "State primaries" method—a kind of trial-run election. The chosen delegates are pledged to support specific candidates at the conventions, although a few States do not so pledge their delegates.

AUGUST. Meetings of the pre-election "conventions"—gathering of the chosen State delegates. This year the Democrats met in



Mr. Adlai Stevenson

Chicago, the Republicans in San Francisco. There is an elaborate procedure and much "ballyhoo" before the delegates finish their job of naming the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting party "platforms," or issues on which to fight the election.

NOVEMBER. The "popular" vote by secret ballot on November 6.

DECEMBER. Although the result of the election is known soon after election day, the procedure of the Electoral vote has to be carried out under the American Constitution.

This is a formality. Although the President is elected by the national vote, when the election is over the result is, so to speak, checked by the votes polled in each State. This is done by the Electoral College.

The effect is usually the same, so why the formality? We must remember that the United States grew State by State, and that the States individually are jealous of their rights (just as local councils here are jealous of theirs in relation to the central Government).

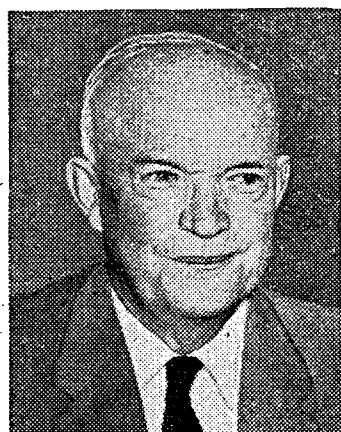
In the early days of the Republic, people in that vast continent were out of touch with affairs. It was therefore thought their election verdict should be checked by a body of chosen "wise men," the Electors.

That is the historical basis of the Electoral College. It consists of 531 Electors chosen by the 48 States according to the population of each State. (For example, at the last election New York State was represented by 45 Electors and Maine by 5.)

To become President, a candidate must get at least 266 Electoral votes—that is, a simple majority of at least one in a total of 531 votes.

But should no candidate get such a majority of the Electoral vote for President, the House of Representatives would be called upon to choose a President from among the highest candidates.

The election is rounded off with a tally, or check, of votes by the President of the Senate before both chambers of Congress in January; and on January 20, at noon, the new President will take the oath at his inauguration, ten months after the preliminaries.



President Eisenhower

weeks. But there are many other great differences in the election methods of Britain and the United States.

The main similarities are that in both countries voting is secret and that people are not legally bound to vote at all. Otherwise they are poles apart, as they are in government procedure. In this country voters elect 630 Members of Parliament—except a few who may be returned unopposed—and these 630 M.P.s sit in the House of Commons, the lower chamber. As the majority of the Government, taking senior and junior posts into account, belong to the House of Commons they are therefore elected by the people. But people in this country do not elect the members of the upper chamber, the House of Lords; nor are the most important administrative posts in the Cabinet held by members of that House.

In the United States one-third of the Senate—the upper chamber—

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other distractions and noise, I was able for the first time in my life to think quietly and clearly."

Michael was also surprised to discover how little food in bulk the human body needs. The expedition lived on hard rations of pemmican (dried meat), dried vegetables, porridge, cheese, "hard tack" biscuits, sultanas, tea and cocoa, the quantities scientifically arranged to provide sufficient calories for their needs.

"Sometimes even when I had just eaten, I felt hungry just the same," Michael recalls. "Often when I had snuggled into my sleeping-bag, I'd lie thinking of

food. Fish and chips, and sausages, and crumpets, and strawberry jam. And I'd think of the way I would tuck in once we were back on board ship."

Strangely enough, however, when the party embarked from Reykjavik for England, Michael Elliott lost all inclination for that long-awaited celebration meal. As soon as it was readily available, food no longer seemed so important.

His last word on the journey in Iceland was that it was hard going but the memories that would remain were those of comradeship, and good fun, and worthwhile achievement.

News from Everywhere

The famous Wurlitzer organ at the Tivoli cinema in the Strand, London, has been auctioned for £230. It originally cost over £5000.

NEW PLANT

A plant thought to be unknown to botanists has been discovered in Nyasaland. It is a herb one foot high and has a greenish-yellow tube-shaped flower about three inches long.

A beautiful wrought-iron fire screen, with two fire dogs to match, has been sent to Buckingham Palace as a gift to the Queen from the people of Caernarvon.

CAXTON BOOK FOUND

A book printed by Caxton in 1488 has been discovered in the library of the Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick. It has 342 pages, including one with his trademark.

Two zebras have been presented to Prince Charles and Princess Anne by a farmer in Tanganyika. They were chosen by Princess Margaret during her recent tour.

Never absent or late during 52 years' service is the record of Mr. Henry Reekie, who has retired from the British Railways' carriage and wagon department at Perth.

An emerald weighing 11 lb. has been discovered in Northern Transvaal. Accidentally broken in two while being dug out, it is one of the biggest ever mined.

A subway, with moving pedestrian ways, is planned for London's Strand. Over 9000 people an hour cross the road near Charing Cross Station during the peak periods.

Moscow is to have a television transmitter capable of broadcasting three programmes at once, including colour.

A depth of 13,165 feet was reached by M. Jaques Piccard in his bathyscaphe off the island of Ponza, near Naples.

Goodbye, Jenny



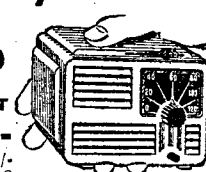
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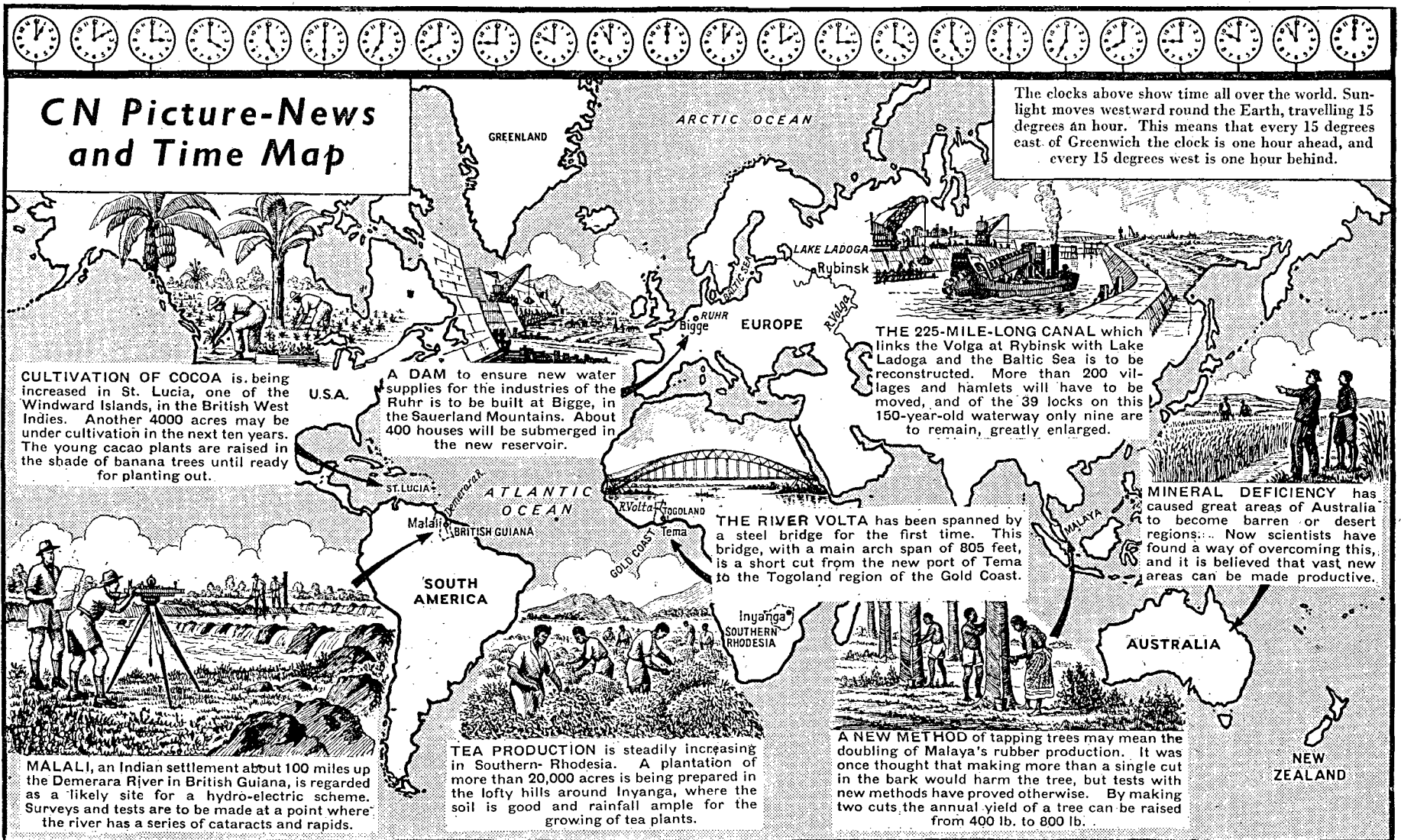
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DIVING 100 FATHOMS

A British sailor now holds the world deep diving record of 600 feet, made off the coast of Norway. He is Boatswain George Wookey, of H.M.S. Reclaim, the Royal Navy's experimental diving ship.

Using a helmeted diving suit, and breathing a mixture of oxygen and helium, Boatswain Wookey's exploit took twelve hours. Most of this time was taken in coming to the surface very slowly to allow the pressure, endured at such depths, to be reduced gradually and to let helium work out of the blood stream.

In July, as reported in CN, Boatswain Wookey made a record dive of 1060 feet from the Reclaim in an observation chamber.

Lessons learned in this work of the Navy may be vital to men trapped in sunken submarines.

ORIANA IS THE NAME

The Orient Line announce that the name of their new 40,000-ton luxury liner will be Oriana.

It has been the Company's practice to choose names of three syllables beginning with "O." Oriana, originally the name of the heroine of a medieval romance, is thought particularly appropriate in this new Elizabethan age because it was used for Queen Elizabeth I in many of the madrigals or popular part-songs of her time.

(Good Queen Bess was also referred to as Gloriana, as we find in Spenser's Faerie Queene.)

STORING GAS UNDERGROUND

An experiment in storing pressurised gas underground is to be made on the north bank of the Tees.

Gas for domestic purposes is usually made in retorts by the gas industry, and its by-product is coke. But a rather different kind of coke is needed by the steel industry, and this is obtained by heating coke in coke-ovens. Then the by-product is gas, and it is this which is now to be stored by a cheaper method underground.

The Northern Gas Board and Imperial Chemical Industries are responsible for the scheme, which will cost £150,000 as against the £500,000 needed to build an ordinary gasholder of equal capacity.

Gas will be stored at weekends when the industrial demand is low, and released for normal consumption in the following week. The pressure will be about 450 lb. per square inch.

STUDYING ARMOUR IN THE TOWER

London students have been attending lectures in a most unusual classroom—the 800-year-old White Tower, the earliest part of the Tower of London. But the setting was highly appropriate, for the lectures dealt with the development of arms and armour from early times.

The course was arranged by Tower Museum experts and London University.

SAVED BY THE DINGHIES

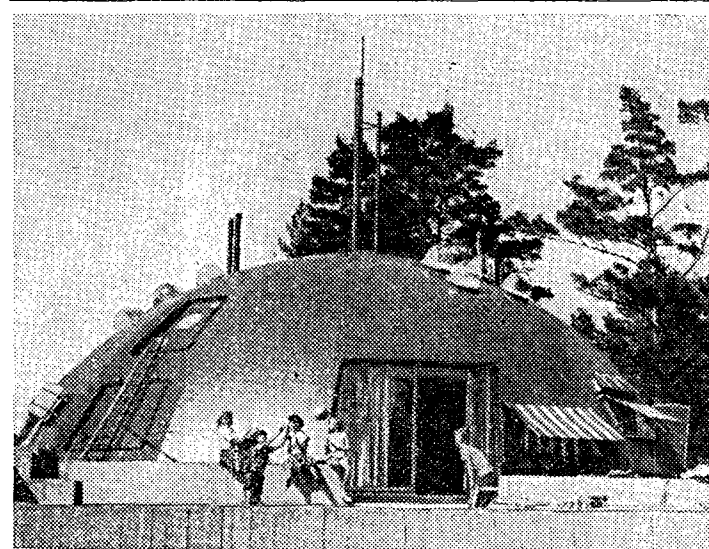
Only twelve days after their use had been made compulsory in fishing vessels, rubber dinghies saved the crew of a Grimsby trawler.

Her name was the Northern Crown, and she hit a reef in heavy weather off Iceland.

"The ship was taking plenty of water," said the skipper, "and the engine-room flooded. The port lifeboat had been smashed when we ran over the breakers. We tried to get the starboard lifeboat out, and that was smashed as well."

The type of rubber dinghy used in ships—the "inflatable life-saving apparatus," as it is officially called—was designed by the Admiralty. As in the more familiar R.A.F. type, it inflates automatically by operating a bottle of carbon dioxide (CO₂). There is also a special type with a tent-like cover for use in Arctic water.

The crew of the Northern Crown were all rescued by an Icelandic fishery protection vessel within about 40 minutes of taking to their new dinghies.



Domed house of steel

This ultra-modern house in Stockholm is made of welded sheet metal insulated with mineral wool and plastic. Mounted on a concrete foundation, the house is air-conditioned, and has plastic domes instead of upper windows.

TAPESTRY MADE FOR CROMWELL

A tapestry made for Oliver Cromwell by a Mortlake weaver has been acquired by the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. Showing the story of Hagar and Ishmael, it is one of "two stories in tapestry" to which reference is made in State papers in the Public Records Office. These tapestries were made in 1657, but although their subsequent history is not known, the Museum officials are confident this is one of them.

It has an amusing border of mythical figures, with fish-tails holding pitchers and sea-horses ridden by cherubs.

LAST LANCASTER

The Royal Air Force has said goodbye to its last Lancaster. The aircraft, D for Delta, took off recently from the Coastal Command Station at St. Mawgan, Cornwall, for a breakers' yard at Swindon.

Steps have already been taken to preserve another of these historic planes for the nation.

Developed from the twin-engined Manchester, Avro Lancasters first went into action in 1942. Two years later there were 42 squadrons of them, and altogether 7366 were built.

Of the 156,000 operational sorties made by the Lancasters during the war, perhaps the most famous was the breaching of the Ruhr dams. On the day after their last wartime mission they were dropping food for starving families in Holland.

RADIO AND TV

SIX YOUNG HEROINES

Six heroines, some only in their teens, will have their stories dramatised in an Associated-Rediffusion TV series starting next Monday under the title *Secret Mission*. They were people who were dropped by parachute or landed at night in Occupied France to help the French Resistance movement during the war. The programmes are at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Although some of these brave women have survived to relate their experiences, I hear that all the parts will be taken by professional actresses. A start is made with the story of Lise de Baissac, the first woman to be parachuted into France. She set up a Resis-

tance unit in the historic town of Poitiers.

Paddy O'Sullivan and Yvonne Baseden, two more subjects, were radio operators who helped to harry the Germans. Suzanne Warren, only 17 when war broke out, established an escape route for Allied soldiers and airmen, several hundreds of whom today owe their lives to her.

Violette Szabo, G.C., landing in France soon after D-Day, helped to organise the Maquis for open warfare. Nancy Wake took part in actual fighting, winning the George Medal, the Croix de Guerre three times, the Medal of Resistance, and the American Medal of Freedom.

The new Pat

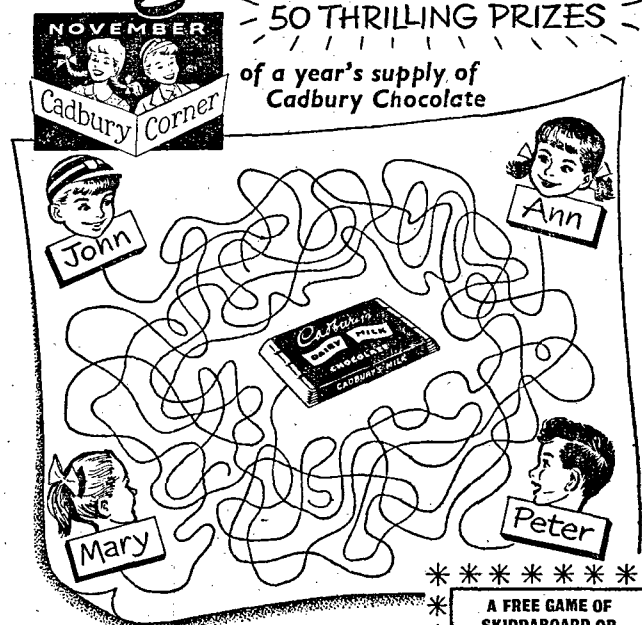
CAROLE MOWLAM, the new Pat Grove, who makes her second appearance with the famous BBC TV family this Wednesday evening, never expected to be an actress. Her early training was for ballet, and it was as a dancer that she made her first professional appearance in a summer season with Cyril Fletcher. She got her first chance to act when given a small part in *Wedding in Paris*.

Only 19, Carole is a brunette with hazel eyes and olive complexion, and is 5 feet 5 inches tall. She lives at Epsom, Surrey. Like Pat Grove, she has two brothers.



Who gets the Chocolate?

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LOOK OUT for next month's Cadbury Corner and the opportunity of something free from Cadburys



Cameras beside Gog and Magog

I AM sorry to report that there will be no live television cameras at the Lord Mayor's Show on November 9. This most colourful annual event in the City of London, though it has lasted for five centuries, could almost have been devised for TV, but has been strangely neglected by the cameras in recent years. A broadcast description of the procession in Fleet Street will be given in the Home Service.

If it is any consolation, I can tell you that TV cameras will be mounted alongside giants Gog and Magog in the Guildhall for the brilliant banquet at night. The new Lord Mayor, Sir Cullum Welch, will toast her Majesty's Ministers, and it is expected that the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, will be there to reply.

Dora's dog

SOME time ago I mentioned Producer Douglas Allen's difficult search for a King Charles spaniel intelligent enough to play Dora's dog Jip in the BBC TV serial *David Copperfield*. An ideal Jip, remarkably like the dog in the original Phiz sketches, has now been found.

With the glorious name Champion Golden Days Penn Rose of St. Lucia, she is a five-year-old spaniel of noble lineage owned by Mrs. E. C. H. Chisholm, of Godstone, Surrey. We'll be seeing her for the first time in Part 7 on November 9.

Mrs. Chisholm claims that her dog, weighing only 8½ lb., is the smallest champion of her breed.

Memories of 1922

CAN you imagine a time when sound broadcasting was looked on as a novelty almost as important as the invention of printing? Lots of older people still have vivid memories of those days, which will be recalled this Wednesday in *Scrapbook of 1922* in the Home Service.

It was the year that saw the birth of the British Broadcasting Company with a tiny studio near the roof of Marconi House in the Strand, London. Listeners will hear the recorded voices of pioneers like the late Arthur Burrows ("Uncle Arthur" of the first *Children's Hour*), Percy Edgar, and L. Stanton Jeffries giving impressions of what was then an exciting new adventure.

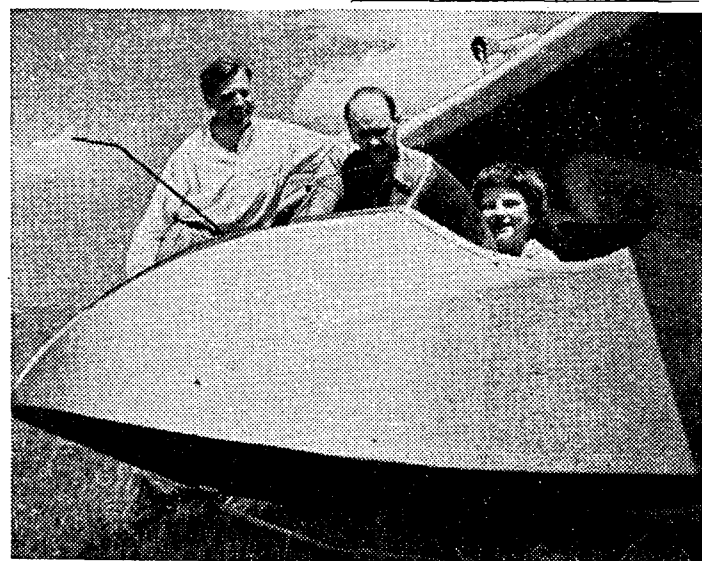
Their signature tune

FOR scholarly surroundings, the BBC could hardly have chosen a better place than the ancient Dutch university town of Leyden for this Thursday's first transmission of *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?* by Eurovision.

Although the Dutch TV service will handle the broadcast, the British contingent are taking their own "props," including a record of their classical signature tune from Bach's violin sonata No. 6.

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Peter Scott takes to the air

Peter Scott, of the Severn Wildfowl Trust, himself a keen glider pilot, shows his daughter Nicola the controls of a machine at the Bristol Gliding Club at Nymphsfield, Gloucestershire. On the left is the club's chief instructor.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Royal Exchange opened

OCTOBER 28, 1844. LONDON—After a sunlit drive through cheering crowds today, her Majesty Queen Victoria, attended by the Lord Mayor and surrounded by members of the Corporation, opened the magnificent new Exchange in the City.

Standing in the centre of the quadrangle, the sunlight streaming down on her gown of white satin and striking shafts of light from the brilliants set in her silver tiara, the Queen declared: "It is my Royal will and pleasure that this building be hereafter called the Royal Exchange."

As early as seven o'clock this morning people crowded into the city streets laden with picnic baskets.

By nine o'clock St. James's Park was filling with eager crowds, and when the Queen began her progress down the Mall two hours later, spectators cheered and waved from every balcony and window along the route—even from the rooftops.

The Queen was followed by the Prince Consort, who laid the foundation stone of the new building two years ago.

Among those who attended the celebration banquet at the Exchange today was the Duke of Wellington, who was given a terrific ovation by the spectators.

(The Royal Exchange Assurance now occupies the building, though there are still shops on the outside.)

Boy is crowned King

OCTOBER 28, 1216. GLOUCESTER—Although nearly half his kingdom is in the hands of the rebellious barons, who are supporting the pretensions of Prince Louis of France to the Throne of England, nine-year-old Henry of Winchester was crowned here today as King of England in succession to his father, King John.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London did not attend the ceremony, and the plain hoop crown of gold was placed on the boy King's head

by Peter des Roches, Bishop of Winchester.

Only a small gathering of bishops and barons was present to do homage to their young King Henry III, and the ceremony had to be held in this western city because the enemy occupied the east.

Seven years ago King John caused an oath of fealty to Henry to be taken throughout England, and a few days ago when he lay on his deathbed at Newark he declared Henry his rightful heir.

Soldier earl killed

NOVEMBER 3, 1428—MEUNG, FRANCE—Thomas de Montacute, fourth Earl of Salisbury, died here today, a week after being wounded in the face with a cannonball during the siege of Orleans.

Almost his last words before his death were to urge the English captains not to give up the siege.

Salisbury, one of the most skillful captains in the war against France, began the siege on October 12 last, shortly after landing in France at the head of 450 spearmen and 2250 archers.

Ten days ago he stormed Tourelles, the fortification on the southern end of the bridge near Orleans, captured it, and ordered it to be fortified.

It was here, while surveying Orleans from a window, that he was wounded when a cannonball shattered the stone-and-iron work of the window.

His death is certain to hearten the French, for he was greatly feared by them because of his skill in the use of artillery which he brought into devastating effect during his many sieges.

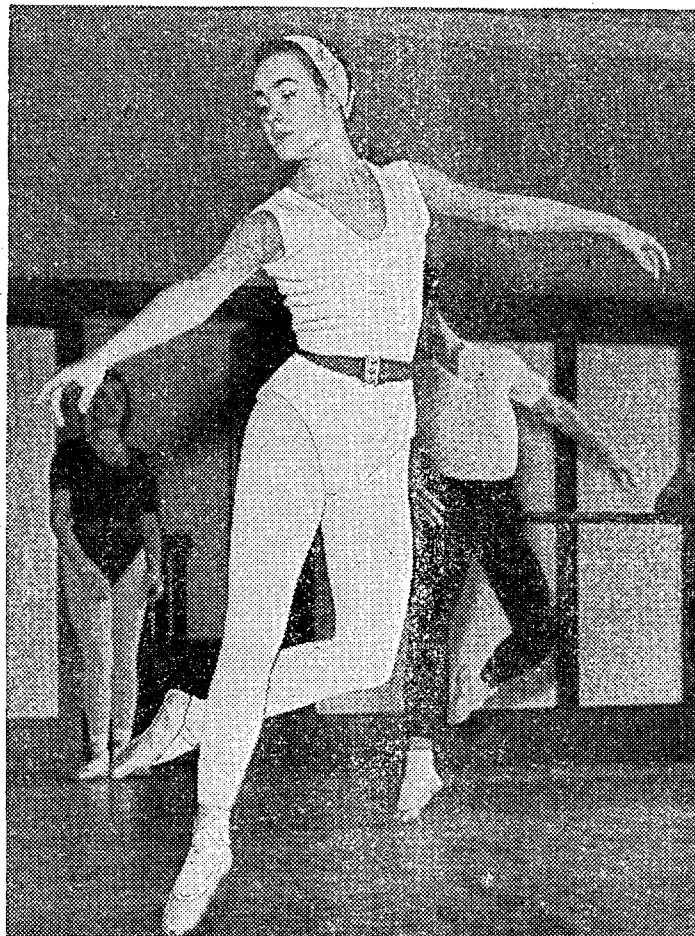
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YOUTH IN THE PICTURE

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GIRL FRIEND (Miriam Coston of Carshalton) and dog friend (a handsome saluki) have a quiet word before the Richmond Championship Show at Olympia



RISING STAR she may be, but Janet Buckel of Maidenhead must train for six hours a day to realise her ambition. She has already appeared in a film, *Port Afrique*, and on television



COMPETITORS in a jumping event at the Horse of the Year Show, Harringay, were Kathleen Batteley of Newcastle and her horse Ladybird



BADGES ON HER COAT show where Diane Peach has already travelled. She may soon have another journey—to the U.S.A. with the British skating team



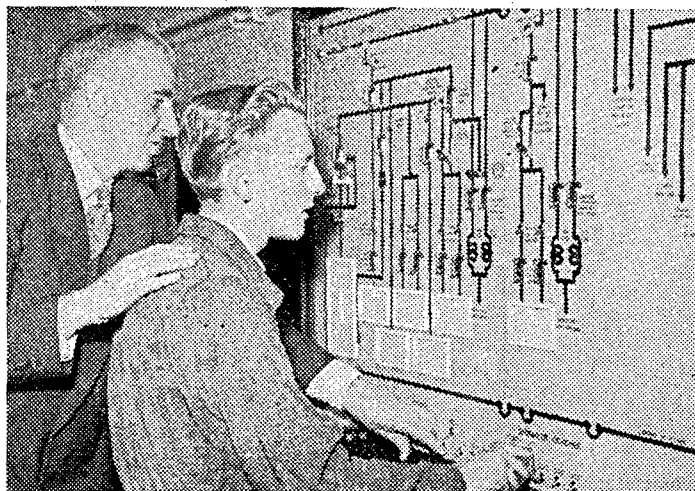
ALL HANDS TOGETHER make light work of a row on the Serpentine in Hyde Park when Joan Regan takes a rest from singing with her sons Danny and Rusty



CADET OF THE YEAR shows the trophy she has won in the Nautical Training Corps. Audrey Norman, who comes from Brighton, hopes to join the Wrens



YOUNG OARSMAN (Laurence Griffiths of Mill Hill) wades ashore after practice at Richmond



TRAINING FOR THE TRACK goes on steadily in a three-coach instructional train run by the Southern Region. With big electrification schemes going ahead, young trainees like Raymond Fairbairn of Tooting, seen here, receive instruction in electric locomotion



YOUNG ROWING COACH (Derck Noble of Totteridge) has to keep both eyes on his crew and, at the same time, steer his cycle on the flooded towing-path

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EVERY LITTLE HELPS

ANNUAL Reports lack the excitement of thrillers, but they sometimes have a stirring tale to tell. Let us consider, for example, the latest Annual Report of The Save the Children Fund.

Every day the Fund spent about £2000 on saving children from illness, from want, and from misery. And every penny of it came from voluntary supporters. Pennies indeed helped this fine cause in a big way, for nearly 29 million of them were contributed to the Penny-a-Week Appeal. How true it is that Every Little Helps.

One heartening aspect of the S.C.F.'s work in the past year is the way children have helped, a record sum having been received from schools. The spirit behind such giving is illustrated in a letter sent by a headmistress with a donation collected at her school's 80th anniversary service.

"It is the wish of the girls," she wrote, "that the collection should be given to a cause to help children in need. I send it to the Save the Children Fund as a thank-offering for a total of eighty happy years of childhood spent by girls at this school."

A happy childhood is the best of all reasons for a thank-offering. A gift which will help children in need is surely the best way of making it.

The Editor's Table

TOO MANY DON'TS SPOIL THE CHILD

MOST people know the story of the mother who instructed one of her family to "Go and find out what Tommy's doing and tell him to stop it." It is an old joke, but a joke nevertheless with a ring of truth about it, and one that illustrates a parental tendency to say "Don't do it."

The unwisdom of too many Don'ts when dealing with young children was referred to recently by Dr. K. Cameron at a London conference of nurses. He told his audience that he had actually heard one father tell his little boy to "stop breathing," and he added that although the boy was in fact leaning over his father's shoulder breathing heavily, he really thought that this was the last straw from the point of view of the little boy.

"A child responds much more readily when told to do something than when told not to do it," the doctor went on. "One should always guide and advise children rather than criticise them."

It is good advice. Too many Don'ts spoil the child.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
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FLYING at the speed of a railway train, the R 33, the great airship, type of the trans-oceanic air-liners of the future, the other day let slip two standard aeroplanes which she carried, and they fell as lightly and easily away from her as if they had been two model paper planes launched by a schoolboy into the air.

The successful release, the instant command of the aeroplane's flight and descent, mark a new epoch in the history of man's command of the air.

To help the Blind

THIS season of sending gifts offers a special opportunity to help those who lack the precious gift of sight. We can all help—and incidentally make our Christmas parcels more secure by using the colourful seals issued by the Greater London Fund for the Blind. Picturing the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square, these seals cost only a penny each and can be obtained from the Fund's headquarters at 2 Wyndham Place, London, W.1.

Think on These Things

KING AHAB took a Phoenician, Jezebel, as his queen, and no doubt a condition of the treaty he made with Phoenicia was that the worship of Baal should be allowed.

But Elijah was determined to make the people see that there could be no divided allegiance to the true God who demands all our worship, our life, and service. There followed the dramatic scene on Mount Carmel between the great prophet and the servants of heathen Baal, as we read in I Kings, 18.

At last Elijah cries: "How long halt ye between two opinions?" and in our lives we too must give our own answer to this demand.

The unqualified answer is that there is only one true God whom we know in Jesus, and we must serve Him. O. R. C.

On Firework Night

Please to remember
The Fifth of November,
Gunpowder, treason, and plot.

Please to remember, also, to see that your dogs and cats are all safe indoors next Monday night when you are enjoying your fireworks round the bonfire. You will save them a great deal of needless suffering.

THEY SAY . . .

THE special beauty of the countryside should be one of our most treasured assets and it behoves us to do all we can to ensure that good farming and good looks can go hand in hand.

The Queen Mother

I WOULD say you have reached something like a state of perfection in comfort, convenience, handling, and speed; and so switch your minds to safety.

Mr. R. Graham Page, M.P.,
to motor manufacturers

SCIENTISTS, doctors of literature, historians, engineers, theologians, and even politicians look askance when art is discussed in serious vein.

Professor Sir Albert
Richardson, P.R.A.

THE British are by no means a dry, stand-offish, cold people. On the contrary, as I have observed, they are in a way unaffected, enthusiastic, spontaneous, and above all, cordial people.

Galina Ulanova, the great
Russian prima ballerina

QUIZ CORNER

1. Is snake poison useful to man?
2. How many King Herods were there?
3. Who is the Master of the Queen's Musick?
4. Who is the Poet Laureate?
5. Are St. Bernard dogs fierce?
6. How many bones are there in a giraffe's neck?

Answers on page 16

Out and About

THE common plane tree is so often seen but too little noticed. It is exceptionally handsome when allowed space to grow, and it seems to favour living in towns, however grimy the air.

Ever since the summer it has been shedding its dirty old bark, showing yellow patches of the new. No other tree in Britain does this every year as well as shedding its leaves.

Although it has five-pointed leaves like the maple and sycamore you can identify the plane tree by these leaves because they are not opposite each other on the stalk but spaced alternately. The plane has three different species recognised by botanists, but only the one genus—another unusual feature about it.

C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As James Russell Lowell wrote: We do not know how cheap the seeds of happiness are, or we should scatter them oftener.

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Next Week's Birthdays

November 4

William III (1650-1702). As a grandson of Charles I, he was heir to the throne of England after the children of the deposed James II had been set aside. As Prince of Orange, he was elected Stadholder of Holland, and his devotion to his native land which he successfully defended against France made him unpopular in his adopted Kingdom of England. But his administration was sound.



November 5

Vivien Leigh (1913). Star of stage and screen and wife of Sir Laurence Olivier. Has played many famous roles in Shaw and Shakespeare including Ophelia in a famous performance of Hamlet at Elsinore.

November 6

Frank Kingdon-Ward (1885). Botanist. He has travelled in many little-known countries in search of exotic plants. He has written over a score of books about his adventures as far afield as China, Tibet, and Assam.

November 7

Lord Tennyson (1889-1951). 3rd Baron. As the Hon Lionel Tennyson, is remembered as a popular and dashing batsman. He played for England against South Africa in 1913-14 and 1924-25, and against Australia in 1921.

November 8

Sir Arnold Bax (1883-1953). Composer and Master of the Queen's Musick. Deeply influenced by Celtic life and history which showed in his best-known work, The Garden of Fand.

November 9

Edward VII (1841-1910). During the long life of his mother Queen Victoria he spent much time travelling, so that he had an unrivalled knowledge of Europe and her statesmen. His personal influence played an important part in the creation of the Entente Cordiale between England and France.

November 10

Sir Jacob Epstein (1880). Sculptor. His work was so new and strange that at first it was derided. During recent years his merits have become more fully recognised. His sculptures appear in many public places, such as on the Headquarters of London Transport.



OUR HOMELAND

Looking from Hythe Bank
towards Whitby, Yorkshire

NEW FILMS

ALPINE CLIMB AND AFRICAN SAFARI

THE story of the new film called *The Mountain* is a simple one: an old Swiss shepherd is persuaded by his dishonest younger brother to accompany him on a very dangerous climb to find the wreckage of an airliner that has crashed near the top of a mountain.

Indeed, the greater part of the film is just a picture of this climb: we watch the two men as they grimly struggle past the difficult obstacles, sometimes almost straight up the sheer rock face. And so skilfully made is the film that few people will not find it as gripping as anything they have ever seen.

Spencer Tracy takes the part of the shepherd, Zachary, who is much older than his brother

pense as we watch them is tremendous), and when they reach the wreckage they find one of the passengers, a young Indian woman, still alive. Chris is wicked enough to want to leave her there, because if they rescue her it will reveal that they tried to loot the plane.

And there we must leave the story—a simple one, certainly, but one that makes a wonderfully impressive film, more exciting than many a violent adventure.

BEYOND MOMBASA is also an exciting adventure-story, but what makes it unusually interesting is all the detail about life in Africa—and particularly the fine pictures of African animals and scenery.

The film begins with Matt Campbell (played by Cornel Wilde) coming to East Africa to join his brother who has found traces of uranium in a worked-out gold-mine. When Matt arrives, he finds that his brother has been murdered—as it seems, by the Leopard Men, a fanatical secret organisation that is trying to drive white men out of Africa.

However, a number of things happen to arouse Matt's doubts, for there are several suspicious characters among the white men who had known his brother. All the people concerned go with him on a long safari to the mine; by the time they find it several more remarkable things have occurred, and the real murderer revealed.

Nevertheless, the puzzle of this murder-story—and it may seem to you not very much of a puzzle—always seems less important than the details of the safari itself. All kinds of animals are met with in turn—the lion, the kudu, the rhinoceros, the giraffe, the hippopotamus, the elephant, and the crocodile (one exciting scene shows the party crossing a river full of crocodiles). There are splendid colour pictures of them all, and these are really what make the film worth seeing.



Filming the Field Rangers at work

A body of young animal-lovers called the Field Rangers has been formed in South London by a voluntary worker of the R.S.P.C.A. They have taken on the job of cleaning and feeding at Pets' Corner in the Fountain Hospital, Tooting, where various animals are kept to amuse young patients. A film is here being made to encourage others to follow their good example.

Buns and a bit of history

Next Monday afternoon 400 children of the Eltham Church of England School, in south-east London, will all get a currant bun. A pleasant custom dating back for 200 years, it commemorates an Eltham man's victory over pirates.

It was on April 2, 1755, that Commodore William James led a small force of the British East India Company against pirates on the Malabar coast of India.

For half a century the pirate fleet had been attacking shipping in the Indian Ocean, and all attempts to exterminate them had been in vain.

Commodore James sailed his ships between the pirates' island stronghold, called Severndroog, and the mainland, using musketeers to drive the enemy from their guns while his own ship bombarded the forts.

SUCCESSFUL ASSAULT

The pirates' powder magazine was blown up, and the Commodore landed half his men in a final successful assault. He also took two other forts on the mainland on the same day.

He was made a baronet for his services, and after his death his wife erected Severndroog Castle, a familiar feature of the Shooters Hill area of south-east London.

The 60-foot tower stands above the trees of Castle Wood, and its summit is 140 feet higher than St. Paul's Cathedral and commands a view from Tower Bridge to the heights of Kent and Surrey.

It is now owned by the London County Council, but it was erected on common land belonging to the citizens of Eltham, and in return for this privilege money was left by Dame James to provide bread

for the children of Eltham and coal for the poor.

Bread rolls, and later, currant buns, have ever since been distributed to local children regularly each year, and the story of the Pirates of Severndroog is told to them by their teachers.

CENTURY FOR COUNTY POLICEMEN

The North Riding Constabulary, which has just celebrated its centenary, is a highly efficient force with 627 members. A century ago it had only 51 men to police 2000 square miles of territory, with 16 horses and 10 carts for transport.

The first Chief Constable was succeeded in 1898 by Major R. L. Bower, who had been a resident commissioner in Nigeria, and is thought to have been the model for Edgar Wallace's Sanders of the River.

The present Chief Constable, appointed in 1929, is only the third to hold that office during the whole 100 years.



A tense moment for Spencer Tracy in *The Mountain*

(Robert Wagner), and has always looked after him like a father. The young man's greed leads him to want to loot the wrecked airliner, to find the valuable cargo and the money on board.

Zachary at first refuses to go with him, but the young man, Chris, declares he will make the climb anyway. And Zachary—an experienced mountaineer, though he has not climbed for years—knows that Chris will get killed if he goes alone.

They make the climb (the sus-

TWO PLANES IN ONE

Though seemingly no different to any other transport plane of its type, a Convair T-29 now flying in the United States is in effect two planes in one. In its cabin is the cockpit of a supersonic jet fighter.

This unusual arrangement enables a dozen or more observers to check the performance of the jet fighter's radar and electronic tracking system while the plane is actually in flight.

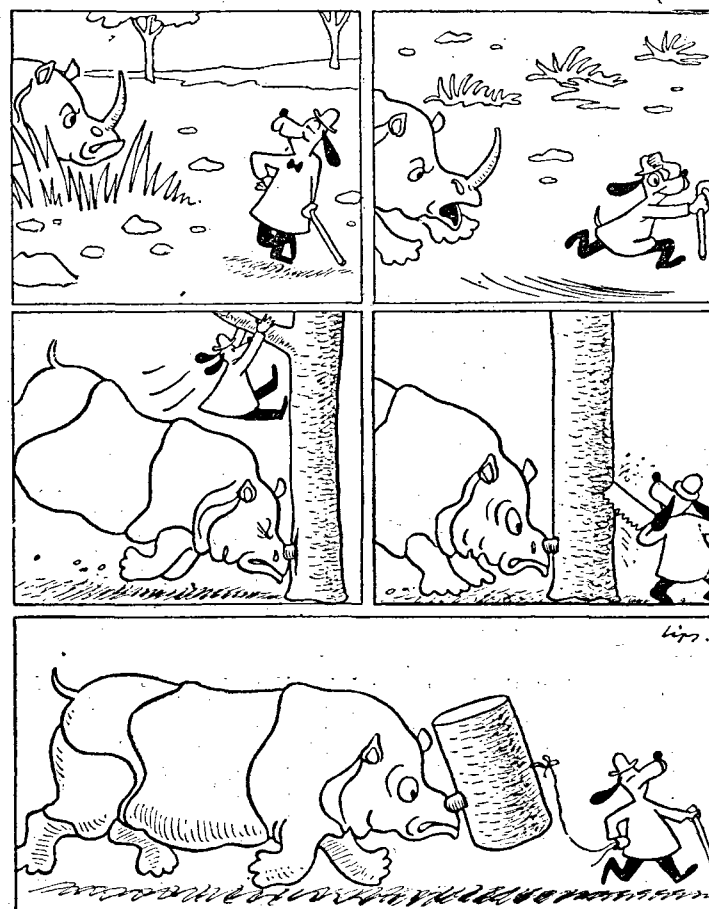
After taking-off, the transport pilot transfers control to a test pilot in the jet cockpit in the main

cabin. The "back seat" pilot then flies the T-29 as though it were the jet fighter, with the electronic system in operation.

Engineers and scientists watch the radar at work automatically searching for the target and supplying the computer with data once the target is detected.

Not only is the system itself studied during the flight tests, but the pilot, too. Psychologists note the pilot's reaction to the instrument arrangement, the colours and lighting in use.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (16)



WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC SHIP

America already has two submarines propelled by nuclear power, and now it has been announced that work on an atomic merchant ship is to begin there early next year. A sum equivalent to £15,000,000 has been voted for the building of the vessel, which is expected to be ready in about three years' time.

Plans show that this atomic ship will be nearly 600 feet long, and will be without funnels. Her 20,000 h.p. motors will give a cruising speed of 21 knots.

REFUELLING ONCE A YEAR

One great advantage the atomic ship will have over coal-burning and oil-burning vessels is that she will need to be refuelled only about once a year. Doing away with the lengthy operation of taking on coal and oil will give a much quicker turn-round in port.

In announcing this great new project, President Eisenhower said that the new vessel will be a floating laboratory, providing indispensable information for the further application of atomic energy in the field of ocean transportation. "I am confident," he went on, "that the ship will be the forerunner of atomic merchant and passenger fleets which one day will unite the nations of the world in peaceful trade."

This is the ship which it is hoped to send round the world to demonstrate the peaceful uses of atomic power.

SWAN SONG AND DANCE

A wandering swan held up traffic for half an hour at Cheddleton, Staffordshire, the other day. It insisted on occupying the middle of the road, and the more motorists tried to shoo it away, the more it hissed and flapped its wings in defiance. A policeman finally succeeded in driving it back to the canal where it belonged.

Sporting Flashbacks.

MANY YEARS AGO A YOUNG MAN ASSOCIATED WITH STOCKPORT COUNTY F.C. FELL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL AT WINSFORD, CHESHIRE.

ON HIS FREQUENT VISITS TO THE LITTLE TOWN HE USED TO WATCH THE LOCAL SOCCER TEAM AND WAS SO IMPRESSED BY THE PLAY OF A YOUNG HALF BACK THAT HE URGED STOCKPORT TO ENGAGE HIM...

STOCKPORT DID SO AND THE WINSFORD BOY WAS AN INSTANT SUCCESS. HE SOON MOVED UP TO SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, WITH WHOM HE WON A CUP MEDAL IN 1907

...Tom BRITTLETON

THIS CAREER, BEGINNING BY CHANCE, WAS A LONG ONE INDEED, FOR TOM WAS PAST 40 WHEN HE LEFT SHEFFIELD AND HE THEN PLAYED FOR ANOTHER FIVE SEASONS WITH STOKE.

FEW OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS STAY IN THE MEMORY FOR LONG, BUT U.S.A. SWIMMER **JOHNNY WEISSMULLER**—(WINNER OF THE 100 AND 400 METRES FREE STYLE, PARIS, 1924)—CONTINUED TO ENTERTAIN AND INSPIRE FOR MANY YEARS. HE PLAYED 'TARZAN' IN NUMEROUS FILMS AND HAS TAUGHT YOUNG SWIMMERS THE WORLD OVER.

ROCK AS THIN AS PAPER

The hunt for oil uses many skills, including that of a Londoner who is an expert at grinding rock specimens into slices which are only about the thickness of cigarette paper.

This man has been sent by Unesco to Punjab University, Lahore, where he will teach laboratory workers his amazing technique. He is Mr. E. O. Rowland, senior technician of the geological laboratory at King's College, London.

To obtain these wafers, which are used on microscope slides, a slice of rock about an eighth of an inch thick is first cut from the specimen with a diamond saw. This slice is then cemented to a slide, ground down to the required thinness, and finally polished.

These paper-thin strips of rock are used by geologists, who examine them for traces of fossils. To the trained eye these offer a clue to the presence of oil in the region from which the specimens of rock came.

NEVER ONCE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Cash awards for regular attendance have been distributed once again in the County Primary School at Fridaythorpe, on the Yorkshire Wolds.

The awards are made every year in accordance with a will made over 50 years ago by Mr. Charles Sellers, son of a village carpenter. He left a sum of money with instructions that the interest should be given annually to the children with the best records of attendance at the village school.

The highest award this year (16s.) went to Richard Coupland, who was not absent once during the year, and indeed, like his brother Norman before him, has never been absent in all his eight years at the school.

DEFYING DANGER FOR A LIVING

From the time he saw his first plane as a young lad, Dick Grace had to fly. And how he flew! Through two wars, scores of crashes, and hundreds of daredevil exploits. For Dick Grace was no ordinary flier, and his autobiography—*Crash Pilot* (published by Longmans at 16s.)—is no ordinary book.

On his return home to America after serving as a fighter pilot in the First World War, Dick Grace set about earning his living. And as he loved flying, for two years or so he gave exhibitions, carried passengers, and did any other job he and his planes could manage.

But those old wooden and fabric biplanes did not last very long, and the time came when Dick Grace had to earn a living without a plane.

His great chance came when a film company offered him a job as a stunt man—one who takes the actor's place when any dangerous operation is called for.

After a spell of "minor stunts," such as leaping from the roof of one moving taxi to another, Dick Grace advanced to more danger-

ous feats. These meant higher pay, but he earned every penny.

In one film, for instance, he was called upon to leap from the top of a burning five-storey building into a net held by firemen. In others he fought with a crocodile, jumped into a cage of lions, dropped into a net from a skyscraper, and drove an automobile over a cliff.

But all the time he was performing these stunts, he kept on with his flying—practising aerobatics and making a study of stalling speeds and angles of impact. Earlier experiences had convinced him that he could deliberately make crash landings and walk away unharmed.

BAD BEGINNING

Finally he persuaded a film director that it would be much cheaper, as well as more realistic, to let him crash a plane than to fake the scenes. And so it proved.

"The word went round," he writes. "I could put an aeroplane anywhere, any time, at any speed, and make it end in any position. That, I fear, was a bad beginning. It made work to follow difficult.

Absolutely impossible problems were tossed into my lap. On one or two occasions I was foolish enough to try them."

But a man always risking his neck in such a way was bound to meet disaster in the end, and one day, after crashing his plane in the exact position required by the film director, Dick Grace found himself in hospital with a broken neck. "You'll never fly again," said the doctor.

But the doctor was wrong. Before long he was flying again—and crashing again.

But the time came when he had to call a halt, and then he settled down to the less hazardous job of farming.

For a period life was calm and peaceful. Then America entered the war, and at the age of 45 Dick Grace was flying into battle just as he had done 25 years earlier.

Whether it is right for a man to be allowed to risk his life in film-making stunts is doubtful. What is certain is that Dick Grace has lived to tell a tale of almost incredible adventure. This is the book of a very brave man.

ROBBERY UNDER ARMS, by Rolf Boldrewood—a tale of old Australia (9)



Starlight arrived at the Turon race ball with several "swells" including the Commissioner, the most important man in the district, with whom he had been dining! When he saw Aileen he asked to be introduced to "that pretty girl." A dance steward ascertained the young lady's name, and "Mr. Lascelles" was duly presented. Aileen did not know whether to laugh or cry at Starlight's masquerade.



Next day came the wedding of Bella Barnes, one of the family at the lonely inn who were Starlight's friends. She was marrying a gold miner who knew nothing of her lawless acquaintances. At the church "charming Mr. Lascelles" was much to the fore, leading the bride up the aisle, giving her a ring he had previously promised her, and afterwards congratulating the pair.



Starlight's horse, Rainbow, had been entered as "Darkie" for the big race at Turon. This had been arranged through a queer character named Jacob Benton, an elderly man who had much to do with horses and could be depended on to ask no awkward questions. He was to pose as "Darkie's" owner, and to ride him in the race. He led the unknown horse to the starting point past a crowd who were puzzled at such a fine animal appearing from nowhere.



Rainbow won an exciting race. Then Warrigal, Starlight's faithful servant, appeared and dropping his hat as though by accident near where Dick and Starlight were watching the races, dismounted to pick it up. They both knew this was the signal that the police were returning to Turon from the chase after imaginary bush-rangers on which Starlight sent them. The police chief, Sir Ferdinand Moringger, had probably guessed, too, that it was the outlaw he sought, Starlight, who had sent him on this wild-goose chase.

Starlight cannot bluff the police chief. Dare he linger at Turon? See next week's instalment

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DRAMA ON THE RIVER

CHASE THE CONWAYS

by Geoffrey Morgan

Jerry and Jane Conway, crewing for Skipper Amos aboard the Mirelda, lying alongside a London wharf, help Roger Lawton after his escape from the Mojolak, where he had been falsely accused of mutiny. In the cabin of the barge Roger explains the real reason for the accusation is because he has stumbled on a plot to kidnap Prince Birana. Roger is about to explain further why he cannot go to the police for help when someone is heard on deck.

3. To the Rescue

ROGER stood tense, his face a white mask, staring at Skipper Amos. Only his eyes spoke a message—a desperate plea for help. Jerry and Jane remained rigid, waiting for the order they were sure their skipper must give. Only Amos appeared calm as he went to the companion-ladder.

"Captain! Are you there, captain?" The nasal tones of a brusque voice with a strong foreign accent floated down into the cabin.

Roger moved back against the bulkhead.

"It's LeGebe!" he grated in a whisper. "First Officer of the Mojolak!"

Amos turned, and with a swift, encouraging smile, nodded meaningly to Jerry; the boy took Roger by the arm and silently propelled him through the doorway in the bulkhead into a small cuddy with a skylight above the single berth.

"This is Jane's cabin," he whispered. "Make yourself at home till we give you the all clear."

Nervousness

Back in the saloon Jerry saw that Amos was half-way up the companion-ladder apparently talking to the newcomer who was still on deck. Jane fidgeted nervously by the table on which she had set a cloth before her routine had been so drastically interrupted by the arrival of her cousin and Roger.

"Don't stand there, Jane, like a jumpy cat," Jerry whispered sharply. "Be normal. Lay the table for supper. The foreigner's bound to come down."

"O.K.," she muttered, moving off to the galley.

Jerry sat down and picked up a sailing journal, making every effort to appear relaxed, and a few seconds later Amos came down followed by a slim uniformed figure whose small eyes moved restlessly as they took in the cabin.

"Won't you sit down?" invited Amos, polite and unruffled.

"Thank you, captain, but no," returned the officer. "I will not intrude on your company a moment longer than is necessary, for I see you are about to dine."

Jane appeared with three plates and cutlery, set them on the table, and vanished to the galley again.

"This is my mate," Amos indicated Jerry, who stood up and nodded politely. "Now," went on Amos, "what can I do for you? You mentioned an important errand and that I might be able to help?"

"That is so," said the stranger. "I am First Officer LeGebe of the Mojolak. My ship is berthed lower down the wharf. We have had a little difficulty with a young trouble-maker in our crew. An English youth named Lawton."

"I am sorry to hear that," returned Amos evenly. "But I don't see how that concerns me. We only came in a couple of hours ago."

Trouble-maker

"Quite, quite, captain; but you do not understand," LeGebe answered politely. "This boy has escaped from arrest." He paused for a moment, then continued: "On the voyage he made discontent among the crew. He disobeyed orders, and it could be seen that he was fomenting serious trouble. Then only a day before reaching the London river he openly incited the crew to mutiny. He was, however, removed in time and locked in a cabin, from where he escaped little more than two hours ago after assaulting the steward and stealing the man's money."

Amos tugged at his beard pensively.

"H'm!" he muttered at length. "That sounds bad. What reason was there for his behaviour?"

LeGebe appeared shocked. He spread out his hands helplessly.

"But none, captain. None whatever," he retorted emphatically. "Our discipline is no different from English ships—indeed, Captain Hogart is a fine English officer; but Lawton shirked his duties, and was always objecting to the jobs he was given. I am one who is not surprised at his violence, but it is more serious now. The steward has bad injuries, and has gone to the hospital. Captain Hogart has informed the police, and they are helping us to find him. We think he might hide away on one of the vessels moored here. Hence my presence, captain. But you have not seen him, of course. I come to warn you that he might stow away and perhaps be dangerous if discovered."

Searching parties

Amos nodded solemnly.

"Thank you for your warning," he said. "We shall keep our weather eye open and be prepared. But I shouldn't think anything so small and open as a sailing barge would tempt your run-away. What about the other ships at the wharf?"

"They will not be neglected, captain. We have, in collaboration with the police, formed search-parties. Some have gone into the buildings; others are getting per-

mission to search all vessels in the vicinity. You would have no objection if that be necessary here?"

"Not at all," replied Amos coolly, while Jerry stood silently by, praying that his sudden attack of nerves was not visible in his face. If Roger was innocent—and he was certain that he was—and if Amos believed that and had decided to help him, how could he agree so calmly to a search of the Mirelda? Of course, Jerry was quick to realise that to refuse or hesitate would give LeGebe grounds for suspicion; but it meant that they had to get Roger off the barge—out of the way somewhere in case a search-party came aboard.

He was puzzling his brains for some solution, and only half listening to the conversation taking place before him, when suddenly he gave it his whole attention. Amos was replying to a question:

"... No, we're sailing light, so we should be clear by tomorrow night, or early the following morning."

"You'll be all on board tonight?" LeGebe inquired.

"Well—no," Amos hesitated for a moment. "The young lady you saw is the mate's cousin. She's been acting as cook, but I'm afraid we're losing her efficient services for a while." He smiled. "She has to return home tonight, and the mate will be escorting her; but he'll be back in the morning." He turned suddenly to Jerry, and there was the faint suggestion of a wink. "And you'll mind that it's early, Mister Mate!"

Successful ruse

Because Jerry had been thinking of some ruse himself, he was not so astonished at his skipper's remarks as he might have been; but, even so, it was difficult to appreciate the sudden and full meaning of Amos's move. He hoped his momentary hesitation passed unnoticed as he said: "Any time you say, skipper."

The foreigner watched this exchange of banter with faint amusement, and then he addressed Amos.

"But you, captain, remain on board tonight?"

"Yes, I shall be here," Amos nodded.

LeGebe stepped back to the companion-ladder.

"That is good. Should the investigation become necessary, we know we can seek your permission here, and you would perhaps escort the party?"

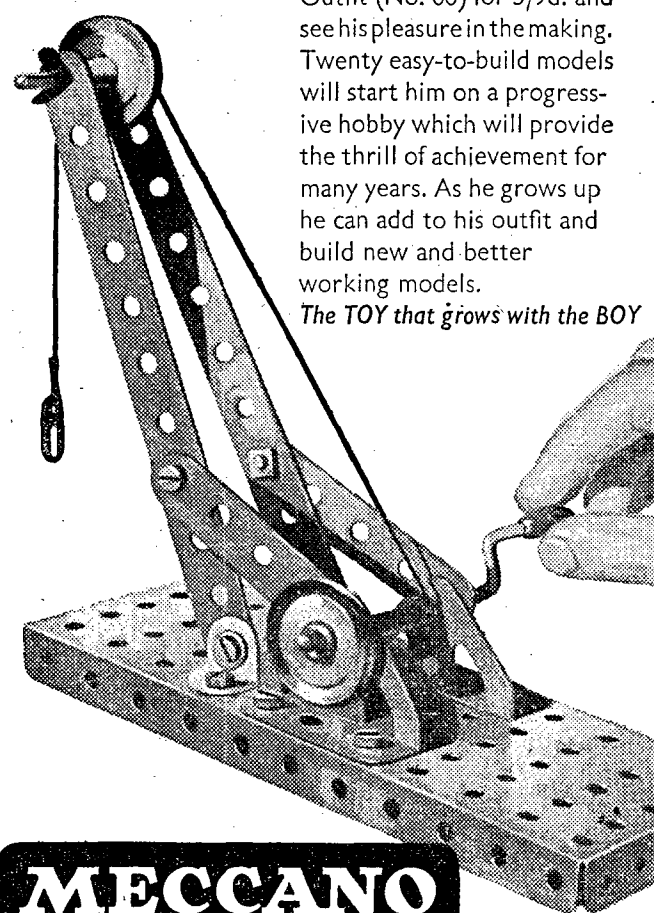
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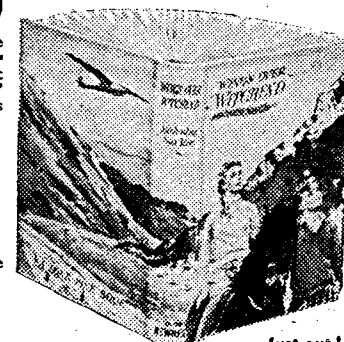
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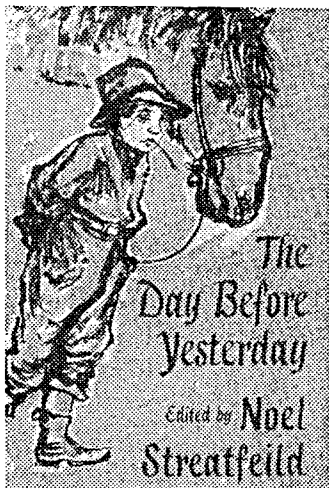
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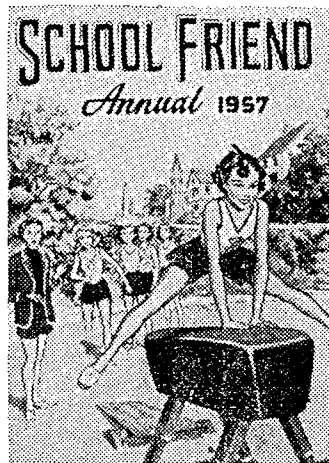
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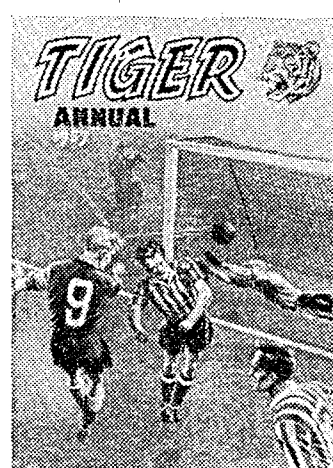
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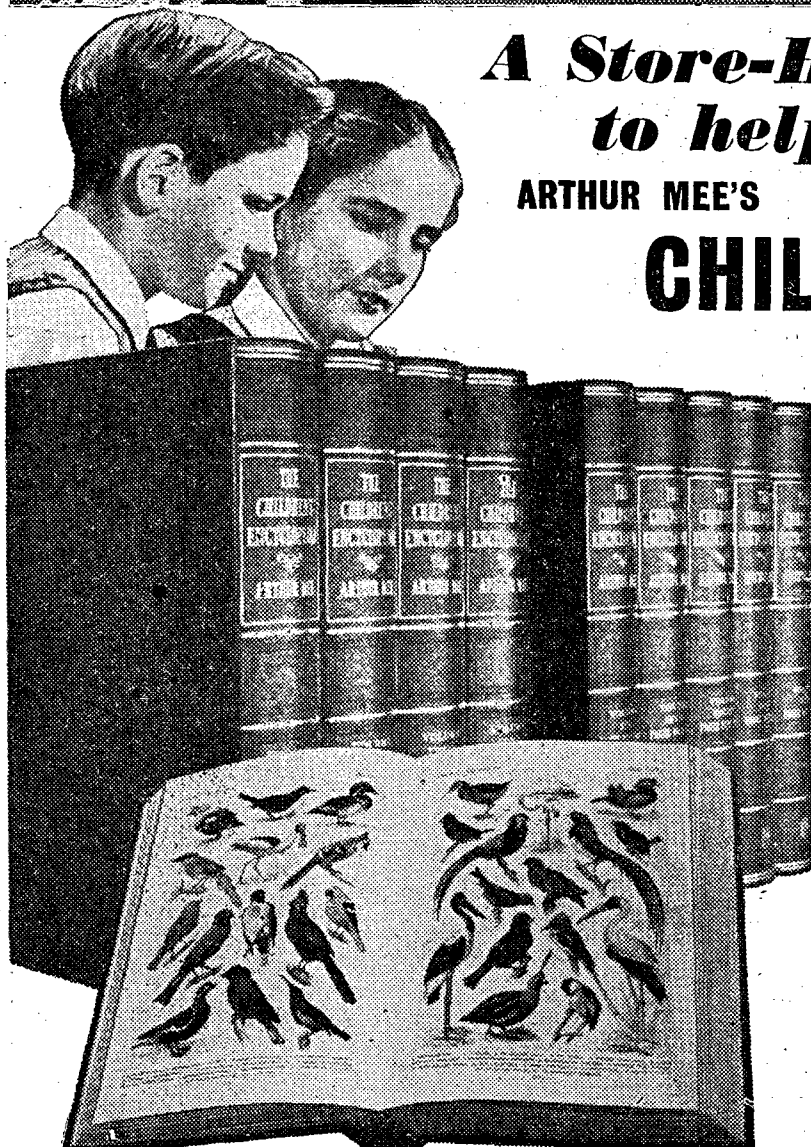
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Iron tonic



Weight-lifting is a part of many athletes training. But, proper equipment costs money, so these members of the Brighton Athletic Club use old flat irons to tone up their muscles.

COLIN COWDREY will captain Kent next season, in succession to Douglas Wright. At the age of 23, Colin becomes one of the youngest of the County skippers.

Playing safe

TONY LOCK's reputation as one of the finest close-to-the-wicket fielders in the world has been earned only at the cost of badly skinned elbows. After diving for catches on the hard ground of Pakistan last winter, Lock learned his lesson. During the South Africa tour he intends to wear special elbow pads all the time.

BERT TRAUTMANN, the German goalkeeper who broke his neck while playing for Manchester City in the F.A. Cup Final in May, is already in light training. Soon he will be ready for his first game, and hopes to be back in the first team shortly after Christmas.

THE main body of Britain's Olympic athletes will be in action on Saturday for the last time before their departure to Melbourne. At Withdean Stadium, Brighton, the men compete against a combined Oxford and Cambridge team, and the women against the Southern Counties W.A.A.

Popular volley ball

AN international festival of volley ball may be held in London next April. A popular game on the Continent, volley ball is played by teams of six. A 30-foot square is divided by an eight-foot-high net over which a ball, about the size of a football is "batted" with the hands. Britain's chief honorary coach is Don Anthony, who is representing Britain in the Olympic hammer-throw event.

FROM Cape Town, the M.C.C. team go on to Port Elizabeth, where their match against Eastern Province begins on Friday. In the last match with Eastern Province, in 1949, only 22 wickets fell in the full three days' cricket, for 1200 runs. Denis Compton hit 108.

Incidentally, the team's daily task of signing autographs on their voyage is now proving its value. The autographs are distributed to fans in the various towns in which the team plays, and others will be sold for charities.

THE Olympic torch used in the 1948 Games in London reappeared the other day when students of Loughborough College carried it on their 100-mile relay from London to Leicester. The run was made to mark the opening of the town's carnival.

The right way



John Taylor, captain of the football team at the St. Ann's Heath Primary School, Virginia Water, Surrey, shows a new team member the right way to throw in.

MR. ELISHA SCOTT is the manager of a football team which has not lost a game in eight years—for the simple reason that his team has not played for eight years. In 1948 Belfast Celtic closed down, with the intention of reopening after a few years. The club still has not started up again, but meanwhile Mr. Scott carries on as manager.

All-round cyclist

MRS. IRIS MILES, from Conisbrough, near Doncaster, is Britain's new Best All-Rounder, the title given to the time-trials cycling champion. Mrs. Miles is also National 50 and 100 miles champion.

BUD HELD, American javelin thrower, recently broke his own world record with a throw of 270 feet, nearly two feet better than his previous best.

But despite this fine form, Held is only a reserve for the Olympic Games, for by the American method of selection athletes are picked on one performance only, at the America Olympic Trials, and on that day Held could only finish fourth.

A few days later Egil Danielsen, of Norway, using the discus method throw (see Olympic Corner), threw his javelin 307 feet. But this new distance will not be recognised as a world record.

OLYMPIC HOPES—8

JUDY GRINHAM

Athletic prowess is often the key to world travel. A year ago school-friends of Judy Grinham lifted her shoulder-high to celebrate the young swimmer's 100 metres back-stroke victory in Moscow. Now 17 and her schooldays behind her, Judy, from Hampstead, is to swim for Britain at Melbourne.

She is a bright Olympic hope indeed, for her record shows victories over champions of Belgium, France, Denmark, the Netherlands, Hungary, Sweden, and Russia.



But her British 100 yards back-stroke record fell in September to another 17-year-old, Margaret Edwards, of Heston. There is little to choose between these two close rivals and good friends, both of whom have the ability and the fighting heart to win against the world.



STAMP NEWS

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW's portrait is to appear on a new Russian stamp. It is only a month since Robert Burns was honoured by Russia in this way.

A SPLENDID study of salmon leaping up a waterfall to reach their spawning grounds appears on a new U.S. stamp to publicise wildlife conservation.

EIGHT Olympic Games stamps issued by Yugoslavia have pictures comparing the action of sportsmen and animals.

FIVE charming portraits of children by 16th-century artists appear on a new set of Dutch stamps due to be issued soon in aid of child welfare. Each stamp carries a surcharge.

OLYMPIC CORNER

MORE than 700 brick and concrete houses have been built in Olympic Village on the outskirts of Melbourne. Capable of holding up to 6000 athletes and officials, the village will be used for private housing after the Games. It is a self-contained community, having a laundry, medical and dental centres, barber shop, canteen and restaurant, banks, post office, and shops.

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THE 400 torches to be used by the 2750 relay runners carrying the Olympic flame from Cairns to Melbourne have been made by a British pyrotechnic firm. The fuel which keeps the flame alight consists of a tablet placed in a canister which admits air. The fuel tablets were also made in this country.

KARACHI, Singapore, and Darwin are the scheduled stops for the planes carrying Hungary's team to the Olympic Games. And when the athletes leave the planes at these three points they will enjoy meals specially prepared by three Hungarian cooks who are travelling in advance of the main party. To give the dishes a real Hungarian flavour, the cooks are taking with them a vast quantity of tinned goose liver, fried onions, paprika, and tomatoes—some 400 cwt. in all.

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NEXT Monday, accompanied by chief coach Geoffrey Dyson, our sprinters will set off for Melbourne, the first of the official British Olympic parties. They plan to get extra practice together for the relay events. They also hope to compete at San Francisco.

SPECTATORS at Melbourne may be in for surprises during the javelin contest. Felix Erousquin, of Spain, hurls the javelin with the method of a discus thrower. He does not use a run-up, but spins three times before releasing the javelin. It is possible, however, that this method may be banned.

THE yachts, boats, and canoes to be used by British teams at Melbourne were sent in crates aboard a ship. Ammunition for the shooting events also went by sea. Bicycles and smaller equipment will travel with the competitors when they leave by plane.

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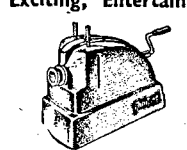
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LOOKING AT THE SKY

Mars and its two moons

BETWEEN 8 and 9 o'clock four of the brightest stars form a vertical line in the sky that cannot be mistaken. The reddish Mars will be obvious, being the brightest of them all, while far to the south will be seen the great sun Fomalhaut, chief star of the constellation Piscis Australis (the Southern Fish).

Above Mars is the much greater sun Alpha-in-Pegasus; this pours out over sixty times more light and heat than our Sun. Between Alpha and overhead point is the colossal sun Beta-in-Pegasus. It is one of the greatest known suns, and must be dealt with later.

Mars, very much the nearest of them all, is now receding from us, and has faded considerably since it was at its nearest to us (35,162,000 miles) on September 7.

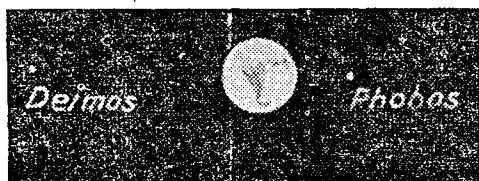
Now some 54 million miles away, Mars is being outdistanced by the Earth in their everlasting race round the Sun. They are drawing apart at the rate of over 300,000 miles a day. Both worlds are travelling in much the same direction, however, and as the Earth's speed is only three miles a second faster than that of Mars, the red planet will remain visible for many months in the evening sky, appearing to travel eastward.

Having approached so much

nearer than usual, Mars has provided good opportunities to study the fainter features of this fascinating world and its two moons, which have an added interest in view of the schemes for giving the Earth another moon.

The biggest of these two moons is Phobos, which means Fear. It travels at great speed, encircling Mars in 7 hours and 39 minutes.

Imagine our Moon doing this and at a distance of only some 3700



The relative distances of the moons of Mars

miles above us. Actually this would be quite impossible, because the conditions here are so different from those on Mars; moreover Phobos is estimated to have a diameter of only about 40 miles.

The other Martian moon, Deimos (meaning Terror), is not more than ten miles in diameter, and is at an average distance of 12,500 miles from the surface of Mars. It takes 30 hours and 18 minutes to travel round Mars.

At this distance Deimos would appear like a bright star, perhaps resembling Jupiter as we see it with the naked eye. Phobos, on the other hand, being so much bigger and nearer to the surface

of Mars, would appear almost as big as our Moon does to us.

Taking into account the rate at which these moons travel and their proximity to the surface of the planet, these moons would provide any Martians with plenty of diversion. They would present many eclipses, vanishing for long periods in the shadow of the great sphere of Mars, and when in view providing similar phases to those of our Moon, but changing much more rapidly.

To add to all this would be the unique spectacle of seeing Phobos rise in the west and set in the east, appearing to travel the reverse way to all other celestial bodies, including the Sun. This effect would be produced by Phobos speeding three times faster than Mars rotates. G. F. M.

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CHASE THE CONWAYS

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"Heck, Jerry!" she whispered. "They're going to search the Mirelda. D'you figure he suspects anything?"

"No, not the way Amos handled it. They're searching all the ships. You overheard everything?"

"Sure I did. And what did the skipper mean—about us going home tonight?"

"It must be an idea for getting Roger away. As soon as LeGebe mentioned a search, I knew we had to get Roger off the ship, and I was just trying to puzzle out how when the skipper came out with the going home routine, and he gave me a wink. I knew then he was going to help Roger, and had got an idea."

At that moment they heard Amos cross the deck, and he came slowly down the ladder. Jane stepped forward.

"What's the idea, Amos, about me going home?"

"I haven't had time to think yet," Amos returned quickly. "And there may not be much time left. But before I do anything Lawton's got to explain himself a bit more first."

"But you figure he's innocent, don't you?" Jane suggested. "You can see that officer was just trying to frame him."

"I don't like LeGebe and I don't believe his story. But before we risk everything Lawton's got to convince me as to why we can't go straight to the police." Amos sat down and took out his pipe. "Go and get him," he said.

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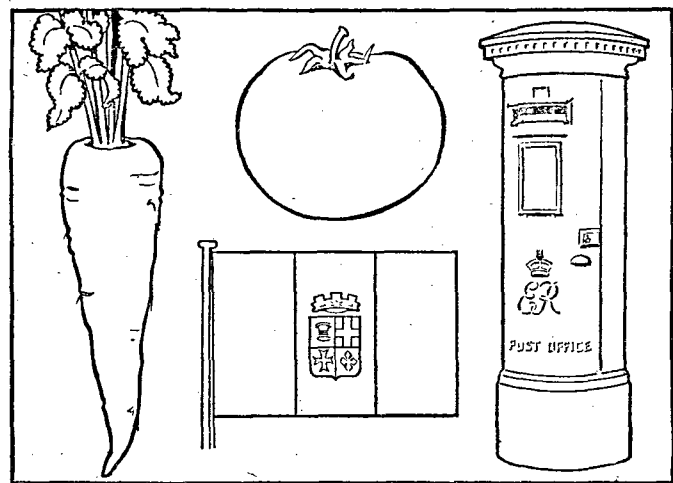
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NO TIME
"GOODNESS me!" exclaimed mother to a very dirty-looking Johnny. "Where have you been?" "I fell into a puddle." "What! And with a new coat on, too!"

"I'm sorry, mummy, but I didn't have time to take it off."
REFLECTIONS
 A child peeped into a pool one day And discovered a golden head, And a face with dimples and eyes of grey. "Now I wonder who you are," he said.

You look very happy, and not very wet, Although you are covered with sea; You rather remind me of someone, and yet I cannot think who it can be. "Ah, now I remember, I've met you before; You're the rascal who smiles when I pass In front of my Daddy's big wardrobe door— You live in the looking-glass."

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SAMMY SIMPLE
"ISN'T that magnificent," said Sammy's companion, looking at a waterfall.

"What is?" demanded Sammy. "Why, all that water tumbling down like that."

"I don't see anything magnificent about it. What's to stop it?"

BEDTIME TALE

THE CLEVER BUDGIE

BRENDA and her budgie Tinker were spending the holidays with her uncle. Tinker was so tame that he only went into a cage to sleep. He could also do tricks. "Look, Uncle," said Brenda, "see Tinker do his tidying trick." Tearing a piece of paper into scraps, she threw them on the floor, then she put a box with a hole in the lid onto a chair.

Chattering impatiently, Tinker flew down, picked up a piece of paper in his beak, and dropped it into the box. Then he gathered another piece and another until the room was tidy. "What a clever bird," said Uncle.

One wet afternoon Brenda and Tinker were sitting on the window-sill watching the rain while Uncle put some new stamps which had just arrived into his album.

A visitor called, and it was some time before he returned to the

study. Brenda and Tinker had gone out to tea. The stamps had disappeared, too.

"Can a burglar have got in?" wondered Uncle, searching everywhere for the precious stamps. When Brenda came home the stamps were still lost.

"Perhaps I can find them for you, Uncle."

She threw a scrap of paper on the floor. Tinker chattered furiously and began his tidying trick, but there was no box handy. Darting to the mantelpiece he dropped the piece of paper in a vase.

Brenda tipped up the vase and out fell all the precious stamps.

"Tinker thought you were untidy, Uncle," she laughed.

The stamps were undamaged, but after that Uncle was careful not to leave stamps lying about until Brenda and her pet had gone home.



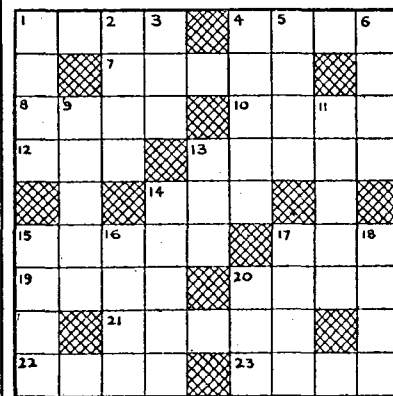
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WORD SQUARE
 To have the first someone must take the second. Your face becomes the third if you eat unripe fruit.

WHO IS SHE?

THERE is a little girl, You all know what she did; Two letters give her name, Now find it, you are bid.



RIDDLE-ME-REE

MY first is in room, but not in house;
 My second in rat, but not in mouse,
 My third is in hour, but not in time;
 My fourth is in poem as well as rhyme,
 My fifth is in gate, but not in door;
 My sixth is in ceiling as well as floor.
 My seventh in apple, but not in tree.
 My eighth in delight, but not in glee.
 My ninth you will find in everything—
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Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Song for one person. 4 Rim. 7 Hard black wood. 8 Money paid as punishment. 10 Sea bird. 12 Conjunction. 13 Pieces of music for two performers. 14 Dish. 15 Shy. 17 Encountered. 19 Metal bar for hanging things on. 20 Cut away. 21 Observed. 22 Suitable. 23 Camp in it.

READING DOWN. 1 Couch. 2 Make a loan. 3 Order of the British Empire. 4 Happen afterwards. 5 Ditch. 6 Ages. 9 Country of the East. 11 Complete. 13 Performed. 14 He controls an aircraft. 15 Neat. 16 Pit. 17 Manufactured. 18 Trial. 20 Animal companion.

Answer next week

GOOD REASON

"WHY does a dog hang out his tongue when he's running?" asked little Jenny. "I expect it's to balance his tail," said her brother.

SPOT THE . . .

SHAGGY CAP with its slender stalk and narrow, rough-coated hood. Another name for this fungus is Lawyer's Wig.

At first the cap is covered with rough scales. These gradually break into strips, so that the general appearance eventually resembles a much battered steeple-hat.

Shaggy caps are one of our edible species of fungi, although no fungus should be eaten unless approved by an expert.

NO ENCOURAGEMENT

"WHERE can I learn to play the bagpipes, dad?" "Anywhere but in this house, son."

ANSWERS TO QUIZ CORNER

1. It is collected from venomous snakes and used as an antidote to snake bites and to help people with a dangerous tendency to bleeding.
2. Four. Herod the Great, his son Herod Antipas, Herod Agrippa I, and Herod Agrippa II, before whom Paul appeared.
3. Sir Arthur Bliss, who succeeded Sir Arnold Bax on the latter's death in 1953.
4. John Masfield, O.M.
5. No. Though big, they are affectionate, faithful, and remarkably intelligent.
6. Seven. The same number as in most mammals.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Add two trees. Beech, plane—bump, earl, Etna, coin hive

Word square. ROW OAR WRY

Who is she? K.T.—Katy
 Riddle-me-ree. Marmalade
 A line of fires. Three
 Catch question. "A pin"
 The name's the same. Rye, Camel, Cork, Cowes, Deal, Mole

LINE OF FIRE

TWO fires before a fire I saw,
 Two fires behind a fire, I'm sure.
 And just to finish off this riddle,
 There was a fire right in the middle.
 I saw them on the village green.
 What was the least I could have seen?

CATCH QUESTION

WHAT has a head but no face?

THE NAME'S THE SAME!

The names of certain objects are often identical with those of places. Dollar, for instance, is also the name of a place in Scotland. Here are clues to other examples which you may be able to solve quickly:

CEREAL and a place in Sussex.
 Animal and a river in Cornwall.
 Stopper and a place in Ireland.
 Subdues and a place in the Isle of Wight.
 Business arrangement and a place in Kent.
 Small animal and a river in Surrey.

The answers to these puzzles are given above